

House Resolution No. 2732

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives enjoy a long, proud tradition of recognizing outstanding Missouri couples who have ceaselessly nourished their mutual love for many glorious years, a sentimentality which has sustained them through life's trials and tribulations and inspired them as they experienced life's joys and rewards; and

Whereas, a period of sixty-three wondrous years has passed since James R. Dougan lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Alfreda M. Walker, during a solemn ceremony officiated by Pastor T.C. Brammer on May 12, 1940, at the First Baptist Church in Belton; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, James and Alfreda Dougan have had the pleasure of raising two daughters, Sharon Lynn Dougan of Seattle, Washington, and Glenna Beth Jackson of Hollywood, Florida; and

Whereas, James Dougan has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a veteran of World War II who served with the 35th C/B Battalion in the Philippines, retiring from the Belton Post Office after thirty-five years of endeavor, and raising purebred Belgian horses; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Alfreda Dougan further distinguished herself by retiring from the Belton Library after eighteen years of employment and teaching four- and five-year-olds at the First Baptist Church of Belton for forty-five years; and

Whereas, during their sixty-three years together, James and Alfreda Dougan have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Dougan, residents of Belton, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Sixty-third Wedding Anniversary on May 12, 2003:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to James and Alfreda Dougan and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. James R. Dougan, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Baker
District No. 123

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2732, adopted May 9, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker